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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 7/26/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Derrick Edwards
Office: Treasurer
Parish:
Election Date: 10/12/2019
Level of Office: Major

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: SUPP2020
Original Due Date: 2/18/2021
Date Filed: 2/21/2021
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$3,153.55
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300
Days Late: 3
Late Fee Order Received: 5/7/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/27/2021
Waiver Request Received: 5/12/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate emailed in his waiver request and states that despite his disability (paralyzed from the neck down) he is very independent and he filed all his reports using voice-activated software, which takes a longer time due to his disability. He states that the Americans with Disabilities Act gives disabled individuals additional time to complete exams in university and the same should apply to filing state reports. He states that the ADA is a federal law and it supersedes state law. He is requesting a waiver of any and all late fees due to extenuating circumstances regarding his disability.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: YES - SUSPENDED
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

Melissa Horn

From: d.edwards@derrickdwards2016.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Melissa Horn
Cc: Angela Newsom (ETHICS)
Subject: 2020 Supplemental Campaign Financial Disclosure Report filed 3 days late
Attachments: Tulane University president letter.pdf; Football Accident in 1989.jpg; Tulane 1998 Graduation.jpeg

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Waiver/Reconsideration

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May 12, 2021

P.O. Box 2827
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RE: Late fee assessment for the October 19, 2019 Election
2020 Supplemental Campaign Financial Disclosure Report filed 3 days late

To the Louisiana Board of Ethics:

My name is Derrick Edwards and I was a candidate for the 2019 Louisiana State Treasurer election on October 19, 2019. I have a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Accounting from Tulane University and a Law Degree from Loyola University School of Law. **Despite my disability (paralyzed from the neck down), I am very independent and I filed all my campaign finance reports using voice-activated software, which takes a longer time because of my disability.**

The Americans with Disabilities Act allows individuals with my disability additional time for exams throughout my undergraduate at Tulane University, my Masters in Accounting at Tulane University and my law degree at Loyola University School of Law and the Louisiana State Bar exam.

As it relates to the Americans with Disabilities Act, my disability should also apply to filing state campaign financial disclosure reports within a reasonable time. Since the Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal law that supersedes state law, the state of Louisiana must comply with federal law. The fact that I filed my own reports using voice activated software and I was only 3 days late given my disability should satisfy the American with Disabilities Act, which is the federal law.

I am requesting a waiver of any and all late fees associated with the 2020 Supplemental Campaign Financial Disclosure Report filed 3 days late. As a result of my physical disability, I have to use voice-activated software, because I am paralyzed from the neck down due to a high school football injury. Therefore, I am requesting that the Louisiana Board of Ethics waive any and all late fees associated with my late filing due to extenuating circumstances regarding my disability.

Along with this e-mail, I have also attached a letter from the president of Tulane University in support of the facts related to my disability. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Derrick Edwards
Cell: (504) 905-8193

Tulane

Office of the President

October 10, 1997

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter in support of the application of Derrick Edwards for an internship during his Masters of Accountancy program at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University.

A serious, hard-working student, Derrick graduated from Tulane University in May, 1997, with a Bachelor of Science in Management degree. He is a bright, articulate young man whose intellectual maturity and clear thinking are reflected in a solid academic record.

During Derrick's high school career, he was injured during a football game and as a result is a quadriplegic. Being confined to a wheelchair has not proven to deter his enthusiasm for life or his determination to meet his lifelong goals. He has exhibited an incredible ability to persevere through an arduous physical recovery and did not, at any time, lose focus of his academic quest and his future career goals. He has set high standards and has been able to accomplish insurmountable feats. His professors and fellow students remain amazed at his personal fortitude and his persistence.

I believe that Derrick Edwards would be an excellent candidate for employment as an intern, and I am pleased to recommend him for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Eamon M. Kelly
President

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